I'm sure most of you will have some constituents in the balcony. We welcome you to the discussion this morning. We are happy to have you. I should remind you, and I think you all know that we don't have applause or demonstration of any kind during the discussion. But we are happy to have you. Thank you for coming. Mr. Clerk, we'll move on to Senator Schmit's motion, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to withdraw LB 1077.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move to withdraw the bill. It was not drafted as broadly as it should have been and probably would not be acted upon this year anyway. We are going to redraft it and probably bring it back next year. So I move the bill be withdrawn.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You've heard the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to withdraw LB 1077.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 1077 is withdrawn. We're moving onto reports. We have Senator Barrett and his confirmation report. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Barrett's report is on page 490 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The Business and Labor Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment of Mr. Thom Cope of Lincoln as a judge on the Commission of Industrial Relations. Mr. Cope is an honors graduate of Syracuse University in 1969, and a 1972 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, currently practicing law in Nebraska. His areas of expertise are in employment discrimination areas, management relations, and his practice emphasizes employment relations law in all phases, I believe, from administrative matters to federal trials. The committee's action was unanimous and I would hope that the